

Iron County Register.

Hunting Owls in Missouri.

BY J. C. SCHENBERGER.

You, who are skilled in hunting owls, know you how they capture owls? No! Then wait a bit and see how 'tis done in Missouri.

Well, they start out for the woods, having no explosive goods, nothing of the kind, you know, nothing but the plan below.

Now they spy one on a tree, very wise owl looks to be; when they see he starts with fear 'round his tree their course they steer.

And the owl leers, as is right, to keep the hunter in his sight; onward still the hunter's bound—The owl his head twists round and round!

Well, the consequence one knows—So, at least, the story goes—Keeping the owl upon the string 'Till his head quite off they bring!

—Detroit Free Press.

Beating the Government.

During the rainy days of the income tax, and when blanks were mailed to even tailors' apprentices, a farmer living near Columbus, Ohio, called upon a lawyer in that city and said:

"I'm afraid I'll have to pay an income tax on about \$800."

"Is that so? That would be too bad."

"Yes; the bear idea makes me feel terrible. I want to figure with you and see if we can't beat the Government."

The two sat down and went over income and expenses a dozen times over, but figure as they would there was \$800 on which income should be paid.

"I have it, I have it!" suddenly exclaimed the lawyer as a light broke in on him. You must return \$800 as lent on a note for a year; I'll give you my note; take the money, and Uncle Sam may whistle."

"I'll be hanged if I don't do it!" cried old Cornstalk, and do it he did.

He hadn't been able to collect anything on that note up to a year ago, but he beat the Government all the same.—Wall Street News.

Geography and History.

Newport (Kentucky) is situated on the south shore of the Ohio river, 320 miles from its mouth, and east of the Licking. One peculiarity of its site is that it had been located 519 miles from the mouth of the Ohio, it would have been west of the Licking.

"If that's a geographical or topographical joke," said Dickey, "you'd better label it so it won't be taken for the wad out of a gun."

"Shut up," said I, and she closed.

Newport was founded by — in the year —; full particulars of which will be found in Collins' History of Kentucky, and save the Courier-Journal that much expense in putting in type a whole lot of old matter. Economy gathers moss.

"I've got a commandment," said Dickey.

"Let it out," said I.

"Why is a small boy with cross parents like Newport and Covington?" said she.

"Give it up," said I.

"Because between the two he always finds a licking," said she, laughing.

"Don't laugh," said I.

"Why?" said she.

"Because such venerable age as that is possessed of is worthy of more respect," said I.—Mary Jane.

Can This be True?

"I would like to have an advertisement inserted."

This is a slogan that would resurrect a dead man behind a newspaper counter, and the clerk turned as if moved by an electric current, and ejaculated:

"Yes, sir; want the top of the column, I suppose?"

"No, I am not particular," said the advertiser.

"Want it inside next leading editorial?"

"Either page will answer," replied the other.

"Want a cut of a death's head and marrow-bones or a sore leg to make it attractive, or a portrait of the advertiser with long hair and turn-down shirt collar."

"Clear type, black ink and white paper are good enough for me," was the response.

"All right; want head-line in type an inch longer than Jenkins' ad. in next column, or will you have it put in upside down or your name in crooked letters like forked lightning all over it?"

"No; a plain, straightforward advertisement in a space of four inches will answer my purpose."

"Good enough. Want about ten tenches of notice free, don't you? Family history; how your grandfather blacked Washington's boots once; mention of yourself as a member of a circulating library, church, fire company, co-operative store, base ball club, and other important public positions?"

The customer said he did not care for any notice.

"Of course," said the clerk, "you want a paper sent to each member of the firm; one for yourself and the privilege of taking half a dozen off the counter every week for the next year or two because you advertise?"

The gentleman expected to pay for his paper, and asked the price of the advertisement.

The delighted clerk figured it up, and then asked:

"If we send you the bill around in about a year, you can tell the boy when to call again, can't you?"

"No; I will pay you now," said the other, taking out a roll of bills.

"The newspaper man's eyes bulged as he said:

"Ah! you want to ask for 75 per cent. discount and 25 per cent. off for cash?"

"I am ready to pay a fair price for value received. Tell me your regular rates and here is the money."

A beauteous expression spread over the wan face of the worn clerk, and he murmured:

"Stranger, when did you come down, and when do you expect the Apostles along?"

—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

A Chicago Man Mad.

While the Park theatre in New York city was burning several men in a hotel near by were talking out it. One was a Chicago man and he had a good deal to say. A New Yorker, who probably had not traveled much, was a listener. The Chicago man recalled the big fire out there:

"You remember the Chicago fire?" he said.

"No," said the New Yorker, "I never heard of it. Had a fire, eh? Did anyone put it out?"

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"Yes? Got some engines, I suppose?"

"Why, sir, we've got the best fire de—"

"Oh! then it was put out. I'm glad. Hope no one lost anything."

The Chicago man turned away, but pretty soon came back. A remark about the theatre being flimsy led him to say:

"A theatre like that would not be allowed in Chicago; no, sir, not be allowed."

Then the New Yorker chipped in with:

"Have you really a theatre in Chicago?"

"Have a what?"

"A theatre. You were speaking about the theatres. Do actors ever go out there?"

The Chicago man did not answer. He seemed to be getting riled. The innocent New Yorker spoke again:

"Would there be any chance to start a church in Chicago? I have a friend who feels that he was born to be a missionary, and he thinks that if he got into some new settlement—"

The Western man was really getting mad. He squared himself and said:

"Sir, you and your friend may go to Hell-fax. If you ever come to Chicago—"

"Well, maybe I will. I should like to see one of those new places. How do you get there? Any railroads?"

When the meeting adjourned the Chicago man looked as if he wanted to lick some one right away.—Casper.

How Lucy Warbled and How She Was Crushed.

After Lucy returned from boarding school and began laying pipe to secure the young man of whom I told you in my last number, she coaxed her papa to let her take lessons from a singing master, and pretty soon she could vocalize quite well, and loved dearly to sit in the parlor and turn herself loose at the piano. Lucy was very partial to sentimental songs, and seemed to be a little gone on those that had rather sappy titles and the words to which did not mean anything in particular. She would hustle around the music stand for awhile, and then come to the surface with a lot of such truck as "Angel Voices Now Are Calling," "Darling, Kiss My Eyelids Down," "When the Brown is On the Heather," and so forth. To hear Lucy sing "Tread Lightly, for Mother is Sleeping," while her mamma was out in the yard with her mouth full of clothes-pins, was worth quite a journey, but Lucy never seemed to think of the inconsistency of such proceedings. She would wrestle the piano every day, while both her parents were working hard, and never think that idleness is the mother of matinees and that the singing girl gathers no boss.

One beautiful summer evening she was having her hoot as usual, and had got far enough into the pile of music so that she was singing sentimental songs. Finally she started in on one that begins: "I Am Sitting in the Glen," when suddenly her papa, who has been trying to read the paper, turned to his wife and said: "How much do you think it would cost, mother, to move a fair-sized glen about nine miles, and fix things so that it couldn't come back?"

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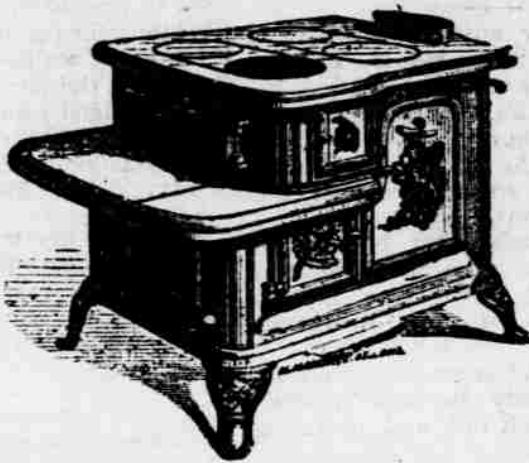
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